

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515.

IN RE: RAY V. TENNESSEE, CR. INDICEMENT
NUMBER 16645, SHELBY COUNTY, TN.

STATEMENT OF, JAMES E. RAY.

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DATE 5/28/86 BY *SP4 RUP/MS*

THE STATEMENT I AM ABOUT TO GIVE THIS COMMITTEE IS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME TESTIMONY I WOULD HAVE GIVEN THE TRIAL COURT IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, IN 1969 IF THAT COURT WOULD HAVE HAD THE FORTITUDE TO HAVE ORDERED A PUBLIC TRIAL INTO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr., RATHER THAN MAKING AN IN-CHAMBERS "DEAL" WITH THE ATTORNEY WHO WAS ALLEGEDLY REPRESENTING ME, PERCY FOREMAN, AND CAPITULATING TO THE WISHES OF THE DOMINANT COMMERCIAL PUBLISHING COMPANIES & THE COMPANIES SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITIE IN ESSENCE I WOULD HAVE TOLD THE TRIAL COURT & JURY THAT I DID NOT SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr. JUST AS I AM NOW TELLING THIS COMMITTEE AND IF I WOULD HAVE HAD A LAWYER TO REPRESENT ME, I COULD HAVE OFFERED CONCLUSIVE PROOF IN SUPPORT OF THE DENIAL.

I KNOW SEVERAL LARGE PUBLISHING HOUSES WORKING WITH THE F.B.I. HAVE OFFERED UP VARIED MOTIVATIONAL ALLEGATIONS--WHICH ARE REFERED TO BELOW-- TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S CASE AGAINST ME, BUT IT WAS NOT I WHO POSTED MARTIN LUTHER KING NOTES SUGGESTING HE KILL HIMSELF, RATHER IT WAS THE F.B.I.; NOR WAS IT THE WITNESS WHO CELEBRATED UPON HEARING OF HIS MURDER, THAT TO WAS THE F.B.I -- AND IT WAS ALSO NOT I WHO IN THE 1930's INFECTED BLACKS WITH SYPHILIS GERMS FOR EXPERIMENTAL PURPOSES THEN DECLINED TO TREAT THEM, THAT WAS THE ACTION OF A GOVERNMENT BODY WITH THE ACQUIESCENCE OF THE DOMINANT PRESS.

IN RESPECT'S TO THE GUILTY PLEA I MADE IN THE KING CASE, IT IS NOT A DIFFICULT MATTER FOR AN ATTORNEY TO MANEUVER HIS CLIENT INTO A GUILTY PLEA TO A CRIMINAL INDICTMENT, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE ATTORNEY HAS THE ACTIVE COOPERATION OF THE JUDGE & PROSECUTOR, AND I AM SURE

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EVERY MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE WITH LEGAL TRAINING KNOWS THIS, BUT THE PUBLIC DOESN'T, THEY THINK OF GUILTY PLEAS AS THEY USED TO THINK OF THE F.B.I., THAT THE PLEAS ARE MADE IN HEAVEN. FURTHER, EVERY JUDGE WHO HAS LAYED HANDS ON THIS CASE KNOWS THE PLEA WAS PROCURED BY FRAUD, AND THEREFORE KNEW A TRIAL SHOULD HAVE BEEN ORDERED. BUT THE COURTS HAVE BEEN MORE INFLUENCED BY SAY EDITORIALS IMBEDDED IN "TIME" MAGAZINE ARTICLES ABOUT THE CASE THAN THEY HAVE IN THE LAW BOOKS.

BUT MAYBE I SHOULD BE IN JAIL, ALTHOUGH NOT FOR SHOOTING ANYONE RATHER BEING FOOLISH ENOUGH TO RETURN TO A LEGAL SHAKE PIT, EVEN IF THE OFFER WAS FORT-KNOX & CHARLIE'S ANGELS TO SPEND IT ON, ONCE I HAD REACHED CANADA IN 1967.

I BELIEVE WHAT EVER THIS COMMITTEE'S ULTIMATE FINDINGS ARE IN THIS MATTER IT WILL HAVE PERFORMED A VALUABLE SERVICE, IF UNINTENTIONAL, IN UNMASKING THE UNITED STATES JUDICIAL SYSTEM'S OPERATION, IN LEAGUE WITH DOMINANT PUBLISHING COMPANIES, IN RAILROADING INNOCENT DEFENDANTS IN CONTROVERSIAL CRIMINAL CASES INTO PRISON, THEN CONTRIBUTING TO THE SAVAGING OF THE DEFENDANTS THROUGH SOLITARY CONFINEMENT, ETC., AFTER THE DEFENDANTS ARE IMPRISONED. ALL OF THIS MERELY BECAUSE THE DEFENDANTS INSISTED ON PROVISIONS GUARANTEED THEM UNDER THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION AND LACKED THE POLITICAL INFLUENCE TO CLAIM IT. THAT IS, FOR CLASS OR OTHER REASONS THEY WERE OUT OF FAVOR WITH THE DOMINANT PRESS. IN THIS RESPECT, THE SYNDICATED COLUMNIST, CARL ROWEN, HAS WRITTEN TO THE EFFECT THAT "IF ANY GROUP IN THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT HAVE INFLUENCE WITH THE DOMINANT PRESS THEY CAN EXPECT TO BE GROUND UNDER."

FINALLY, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE LAST ACT PERFORMED BY THE INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES/PUBLISHING EMPIRES WHEN A PUBLIC FIGURE IS MURDERED, AND THE ALLEGED MURDERER IS DECIDED UPON, IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A "PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE" FOR THE EDIFICATION OF THE JUDICIARY. (WITNESS PROFILE ATTACHED AS EXH. A E A-1)

IN THE INSTANT CASE THE "PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE" AS PROMOTED BY THE F.B.I.; "TIME" MAGAZINE; "TIME'S" LEGMAN, GEORGE McMILLIAN, AND UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL CHARACTERIZES THE WITNESS AS THUS:

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| 1. A NARCOTIC ADDICT..... | "TIME" MAG. JAN. 26, 1976 ISS |
| 2. A NARCOTIC PEDDLER..... | " " " " " " |
| 3. A SEX DEVIATE, TYPE UNEXPLAINED..... | " " " " " " |
| 4. MARIJUANA DRUGS..... | F.B.I./U.P.I. WIRESERVICE
RELEASE, JANUARY 25, 1978. |
| 5. WENT INSANE, 1963-64 period..... | " " " " " " |
| 6. CONSTANTLY READ GIRLIE MAGAZINES..... | " " " " " " |
| 7. SENT OBSCENE LETTER TO POST OFFICE,
1967-68 Period..... | " " " " " " |
| 8. FLAGGED TWO WOMEN WITH LATE NIGHT
TELEPHONE CALLS, 1967-68 period..... | " " " " " " |
| 9. INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFIC..... | " " " " " " |
| LASTLY, CHEATED FELLOW PRISONERS IN
CROOKED CARD GAMES..... | " " " " " " |

IN REGARD TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED "PSYCHOLOGICAL PROFILE", I WILL ACCEPT THE "PROFILE" AS THE TYPE PERSON WHO WOULD SHOOT MARTIN LUTHER KING Jr., FURTHER, AS I DID IN A LETTER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL, GRIFFIN BELL (EXH. B), IF ANY ONE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ACCUSATIONS CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED BY THE RECORD: PRISON RECORDS; MILITARY RECORDS;

EMPLOYMENT RECORDS, OR ANY RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL CONVERSANT WITH SAID RECORDS, THEN I WILL APPEAR BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE AND TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KING MURDER--WHEN I REFERS TO "RECORDS", THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE F.B.I. PURCHASED INFORMATION FROM THEIR INFORMERS.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT/~~GOVERNMENT PRESS WAS ERRECTING & DISSEMINATING~~ THE AFOREMENTIONED "PROFILE" CHARACTERIZATION, THE F.B.I. WAS ALSO HARASSING VARIOUS MEMBERS OF MY FAMILY IN ORDER TO MANUEVER THEM INT A POSITION WHEREBY THEY WOULD HAVE TO PERJURE THEMSELVES AGAINST ME IN SOME MANNER RELATED TO THE KING CASE IN ORDER TO ESCAPE PRISON THEMSELVES, FOR INSTANCE:

1. THE F.B.I. EVIDENTLY BURGLARIZED MY SISTER, CAROL PEPPER'S HOME IN 1968 LOOKING FOR INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE (JACK ANDERSON, SYNDICATED COLUMN, NOVEMBER 8, 1977.)
2. THE F.B.I. HAD MY BROTHER, JOHN L. RAY, PROSECUTED & CONVICTED FOR AIDING & ABETTING A BANK ROBBERY, AND THE THRIAL JUDGE, NOW F.B.I. DIRECTOR, WILLIAM H. WEBSTER, SENTENCE HIM TO EIGHTEEN YEARS; WHILE THE ACTUAL ROBBER LATER HAD HIS CHARGE TRANSFERED TO THE E.D. OF CALIFORNI WHERE FEDERAL JUDGE M.D. CROCKER SENTENCED THE ROBBER TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS.
3. AND THE WIRESERVICES REPORTED ON AUGUST 8, 1978, THAT THE F.B.I. HAD PAYED AN INFORMER, OLIVER PATTERSON, TO: STEAL LETTERS; WIRETAP CONVERSATIONS, ect., FROM AEOther BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY.

ON APRIL 23, 1967, I ESCAPED FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PRISON IN A BREAD BOX IN THE MANNER AS FOLLOWS:

SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE ESCAPE I FASHIONED A BOARD APPROXIMATELY 3x4 FEET WHICH WOULD FIT INSIDE A BOX USED TO TRANSPORT BREAD OUTSIDE THE PRISON. IN ADDITION, I MADE SEVERAL HOLES IN THE LOWER SIDES OF THE BOX WITH A HAMMER & NAIL. THEREAFTER ON APRIL 23, 1967, I ENTERED THE PRISON KITCHEN EARLY (I WORKED AFTERNOONS), AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00AM. LATER I ENTERED THE BREAD ROOM WHERE BREAD FROM THE BAKERY WAS LOADED INTO THE BOX TO BE TRUCKED TO A PRISON FARM. SOMETIME AFTER ENTERING THE BREAD ROOM I GOT INTO THE BREAD BOX AND COVERED MYSELF WITH THE 3x4 FOOT BOARD. THEREAFTER A PRISONER FILLED THE BOX WITH BREAD AND THEN TRANSFERRED THE BOX DOWNSTAIRS VIA ELEVATOR ONTO A PLATFORM USED TO LOAD TRUCKS TRANSPORTING ITEMS OUTSIDE THE PRISON COMPOUND. SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE BOX, WITH ME ENCLOSED, WAS PLACED ON A WAITING TRUCK. THE TRUCK THEN PROCEEDED THROUGH A PRISON SECURITY GATE WHERE A GUARD SEARCHED THE BOX BY RAISING THE LID AND VIEWING INSIDE. AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE PRISON GATE I GOT OUT OF THE BOX. AFTER THE TRUCK CROSSED THE MISSOURI RIVER BRIDGE, NEARBY THE PRISON FARM, IT STOPPED BEFORE TURNING INTO THE ROAD LEADING TO THE FARM; WHEN THE TRUCK STOPPED I DISEMBARKED. I THEN CROSSED THE HIGHWAY, TURNED RIGHT, AND FOLLOWED A DIRT ROAD UNTIL I CAME UPON SEVERAL JUNKED AUTOMOBILES. I STAYED IN ONE OF THE VEHICLES UNTIL DARK, THEN LEFT THE VEHICLE, CROSSED UNDER THE BRIDGE THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY CROSSED IN THE BREAD TRUCK. I THEN MADE MY WAY TO A NEARBY RAILROAD TRACK. (I HAD DEPARTED THE PRISON WITH SEVERAL CANDY BARS AND IN ADDITION HAD TAKEN SOME BREAD FROM THE BREAD TRUCK; I HAD ALSO TAKEN FROM THE PRISON ON MY PERSON APPROXIMATELY \$250.00 AND A RADIO ALONG WITH A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD NUMBER REGISTERED UNDER THE

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AFTER A PERIOD OF WALKING THE RAILROAD TRACKS I CROSSED VIA A SWITCH ONTO ANOTHER SET OF TRACKS. AFTER WALKING TWO OR THREE NIGHTS ON THE TRACKS, AND SLEEPING DAYS, AND HAVING RAN OUT OF FOOD, I CAME UPON A TRAILER. APPARENTLY THE TRAILER WAS INTENDED AS A FISHING CABIN AS I BELIEVE IT WAS LOCATED NEAR A RIVER. I ENTERED THE TRAILER AND FOUND A BOTTLE CONTAINING WINE AND SEVERAL ITEMS OF FOOD. UPON LEAVING THE TRAILER I HAD THE WINE & FOOD WITH ME. IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT DURING THIS APPROXIMATE PERIOD I AGAIN CROSSED A SWITCH ONTO ANOTHER TRACK; HOWEVER, DURING ALL OF THE WALKING I WAS MOVING IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. ON THE 4th OR 5th DAY OUT I WAS ALSO TRAVELING BY DAY. ON ONE OF THESE DAYS IT COMMENCED RAINING AND I MOVED UNDERNEATH A TRUSSEL AND STARTED A FIRE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER A HANDCAR STOPPED OVER THE TRUSSEL. THE TWO OPERATORS OF THE CAR DISEMBARKED AND ENQUIRED OF ME ABOUT THE SMOKE. I EXPLAINED I HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN THE RAIN AND HAD STARTED THE FIRE TO DRY OUT. THEY SAID ALRIGHT AND LEFT. (DURING THIS PERIOD MY SHOES HAD FELL OFF CONSEQUENTLY I HAD TO MAKE A FORCIBLE ENTRY INTO A STORE TO OBTAIN ANOTHER PAIR).

ON THE 6TH DAY I OBSERVED A SMALL TOWN. THAT EVENING I ENTERED THE TOWN, PURCHASED FOOD & DRINK, THEN RETURNED TO THE RAILROAD YARDS. LATER THAT EVENING I CAUGHT A FRIEGHT TRAIN TRAVELING IN THE DIRECTION OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. I ARRIVED IN ST. LOUIS WHILE IT WAS STILL DARK. AFTER A PERIOD OF WAITING IN THE RAILROAD YARDS, AND WHEN IT COMMENCED TO LIGHTEN, I MADE MY WAY TO SOUTH ST. LOUIS TO THE RESIDENCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CALLED HIMSELF THE " CATMAN", HIS APPARENT GIVEN NAME BEING, JACK CORWIN. I INTENDED FOR MR. CORWIN TO ARRANGE FOR MY TRANSPORTATION TO EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS; HOWEVER, CORWIN WAS NOT HOME THEREFORE I CAUGHT A TAXI TO, EAST

THEREAFTER I CAUGHT ANOTHER TAXI TO EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS, THEN THE BUS STATION WHEREIN I BOARDED A BUS BOUND FOR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. ALTHOUGH I AM NOT CERTAIN I BELIEVE I PAYED THE BUS DRIVER THE FARE RATHER THAN PURCHASING A TICKET IN THE STATION. UPON ARRIVING IN CHICAGO ON APRIL 30, 1967, I MADE MY WAY TO 2731 NORTH SHEFFIELD AND RENTED A ROOM. ON MAY 3, 1967, I APPLIED FOR A JOB AS DISHWASHER AT THE INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT IN WINNETKA, ILLINOIS, A CHICAGO SUBURB—I LEARNED OF THE JOB FROM AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER. I RECEIVED THE JOB AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER I PURCHASED A 1960 CHRYSLER FOR \$100.00. I PURCHASED THE CHRYSLER IN ORDER TO ACCUMULATE IDENTIFICATION & COMMUTE TO & FROM WORK. I ALSO TOOK A DRIVER'S TEST AND PASSED; HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH I RECEIVED A TEMPORARY DRIVING PERMIT I NEVER RECEIVED THE PERMANENT LICENSE. I USED THE NAME, JOHN L. RAYNS, DURING THIS PERIOD. WHILE I WAS EMPLOYED BY THE AFOREMENTIONED RESTAURANT I WROTE THE CANADIAN COUNSEL IN CHICAGO ENQUIRING ABOUT CANADIAN IMMIGRATION PROCEDURE; IN REPLY THE COUNSEL MAILED ME SEVERAL BROCHURES. ON OR ABOUT JUNE 27, 1967, I TERMINATED EMPLOYMENT AT THE INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT. THEREAFTER I DROVE TO QUINCY, ILLINOIS, TO WAIT FOR THE LAST CHECK TO CLEAR FROM SAID RESTAURANT EMPLOYMENT. IT WAS ALSO MY INTENTION TO VISIT WHILE IN QUINCY AN AUNT, MRS. FRANK FULLER, AND SEE ONE OR TWO ACQUAINTANCES. I STAYED IN QUINCY APPROXIMATELY 12 DAYS, ALTHOUGH I DID NOT SEE MY AUNT. DURING THE PERIOD IN QUINCY I STAYED ALTERNATIVELY IN TWO HOTELS; ONE BEING LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF 2ND AND OAK STREET, THE OTHER ON THE CORNER OF 3RD AND OAK STREET. THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL THAT I SAW AND WAS FAMILIAR WITH IN QUINCY WAS TED CROWLEY, A PROPRIETOR OF A LOCAL CLUB. I MAY HAVE TOLD MR. CROWLEY SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT I HAD RECENTLY BEEN RELEASED ON PAROLE FROM PRISON. AFTER STAYING IN QUINCY, ILLINOIS, FOR

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THE ABOVE MENTIONED PERIOD, I RETURNED TO WILNETKA, ILLINOIS, TO PICK-UP THE CHECK I HAD COMING FROM THE INDIAN TRAIL RESTAURANT; IT IS ALSO MY RECOLLECTION THAT I CHECKED INTO A HOTEL LOCATED AT 1648 WEST LUNT STREET FOR A COUPLE DAYS. AFTER PICKING UP THE CHECK I DECIDED TO DRIVE TO EAST ST. LOISE, ILLINOIS, AND POSSIBLY SEE FAMILY MEMBERS BEFORE MOVING TO, CANADA. ON THE WAY TO EAST ST. LOUIS I DEVELOPED CAR TROUBLE. I RECALL SLEEPING IN THE CHRYSLER ONE NIGHT & A HIGHWAY PATROLMAN WAKING & ASKING ME IF I HAD ANY PROBLEMS. IN EAST ST. LOUIS I STAYED ONE NIGHT IN A RUN-DOWN HOTEL NEAR DOWNTOWN. THE NEXT DAY I SOLD THE CHRYSLER TO A SERVICE-STATION OPERATOR FOR APPROXIMATELY \$50.00; I THEN PURCHASED IN EAST ST. LOUIS ON JULY 15, 1967, A RED PLYMOUTH FOR \$200.00— I HAD A PROBLEM MAKING THE PURCHASE ALTHOUGH I DON'T RECALL WHAT THE PROBLEM WAS. I PHONED JACK "THE CATMAN" GOWRIN DURING THE DAY; MET HIM IN EAST ST. LOUIS, AND HAD HIM PURCHASE ME A PISTOL FROM A FENCE HE KNEW AND THAT HE COULD PAY FOR PENSION DAY. I TOLD GOWRIN TO TELL MY FAMILY MEMBERS THAT I WAS LEAVING THE COUNTRY AND WOULD TRY TO CONTACT THEM LATER; AND FOR HIM NOT TO MENTION TO THE POLICE THAT HE HAD SAW ME UNLESS HE WANTED TO GO TO JAIL. LATER THAT DAY I DROVE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, STAYING IN A HOTEL THAT NIGHT. THE NEXT DAY I CROSSED INTO CANADA VIA THE WINDSOR TUNNEL IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN. I SLEPT ALONG THE ROAD THE NIGHT OF JULY 16, 1967, AND THE NEXT DAY I ENTERED THE ENVIRONS OF MONTREAL, CANADA, STAYING IN A MOTEL PART OF THE DAY.

THE DAY I ENTERED MONTREAL PROPER ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS I DID WAS ENQUIRE OF A TRAVEL AGENCY, VIA TELEPHONE, THE PROCEDURE FOR A CANADIAN TO ACQUIRE A CANADIAN PASSPORT. I WAS INFORMED THAT I MUST HAVE A GUARANTOR WHO WOULD TESTIFY THAT HE/SHE HAD KNOWN ME FOR TWO YEARS.) THAT EVENING IN MONTREAL ON ST. CATHERINE EAST, IN A NIGHT CLUB, I WAS ACCOSTED BY A PROSTITUTE, SUBSEQUENTLY I AGREED TO GO TO HER PLACE VIA TAXICAB. AFTER WE GOT LOCATED IN HER APARTMENT I GAVE HER THE REQUESTED \$25.00 FEE AND SHE CARRIED THE MONEY TO AN "OFFICE". WHEN I LEFT I WROTE DOWN THE ADDRESS OF THE BUILDING. THE NEXT DAY I RENTED AN APARTMENT IN THE, HAR-K-APARTMENTS, LOCATED AT, 2589 NOTRE DAME EAST; THEN LATER, I PARKED MY AUTOMOBILE CLOSED TO THE BUILDING WHERE I HAD THE NIGHT BEFORE BEEN WITH THE PROSTITUTE. THAT EVENING I RETURNED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED NIGHT CLUB AND, MEETING THE SAME GIRL, AGAIN ACCOMPANIED HER VIA TAXI TO HER APARTMENT. INSIDE HER APARTMENT I GAVE HER ANOTHER \$25.00 BUT THIS TIME I SHOWED HER THE PISTOL MR. GORWIN HAD PURCHASED FOR ME AND TOLD HER I WOULD GO WITH HER TO WHERE EVER SHE WAS TAKING THE MONEY. WHEN SHE AROUSED THE MANAGER INTO OPENING THE "OFFICE" DOOR I PUT THE PISTOL ON HIM. WE MOVED BACK INTO THE OFFICE WHERE I ASKED HIM FOR THE MONEY. TAKING OUT HIS WALLET HE OFFERED ME THE SMALL AMOUNT IN IT, ABOUT 5 OR 10 DOLLARS. WHEN I TOLD HIM I WANTED THE REST OF THE MONEY, HE SPOKE ABOUT A CABINET NEARBY AND MOTIONED TO A CONTAINER. BEFORE LEAVING THE "OFFICE", I HAD THE MANAGER LIE ON A BED AND THE GIRL REMOVE HER STOCKING AND TIE HIS HANDS & LEGS. I THEN HAD HER GET UNDER THE BED BEFORE DEPARTING. LATER I FOUND I HAD TAKEN APPROXIMATELY \$1.700,00 IN MIXED CURRENCY FROM THE MANAGER'S OFFICE.

DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS I PURCHASED CLOTHING AND DECIDED THE ONLY WAY

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I COULD COME BY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO LEAVE CANADA WOULD BE TO EITHER PERSUADE SOMEONE TO ACT AS MY GUARANTOR OR, PERHAPS ROLL A DRUNKING SEAMAN FOR HIS SEAMAN'S PAPERS. DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS I DID SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME NEAR THE MONTREAL DOCK AREA FREQUENTING BARS. I WAS NEVER ABLE TO COME BY MERCHANT SEAMAN PAPERS ALTHOUGH I DID CONTACT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO INTRODUCED HIMSELF AS ROUAL. I FIRST MET HIM IN THE NEPTUNE TAVERN, 121 WEST COMMISSIONERS STREET. HE WAS APPROXIMATELY 35 TO 40 YEARS OLD, 5'9 INCHES TALL, WITH DARK HAIR AND A RED TINT IN IT, HE SPOKE WITH A SLIGHT SPANISH ACCENT. I ASSUMED FROM HIS DEEMANOR & CONVERSATION THAT OUR INTEREST COULD BE COMPATIBLE, AND AFTER A COUPLE MEETING IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN SOME TYPE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, WHILE HIS INTEREST WAS IN LOCATING SOMEONE WHO WOULD, FOR A PRICE, HELP HIM MOVE SOME TYPE CONTRABAND THROUGH UNITED STATES CUSTOMS AT THE CANADIAN BORDER. DURING THE INITIAL MEETING WITH ROUAL, PERHAPS 3 OR 4, NOTHING WAS DECIDED DEFINITELY MAINLY BECAUSE I HAD DECIDED TO TAKE A VACATION IN A LAURENTIAN MOUNTAIN RESORT AND WHILE THERE ENLIST THE ASSISTANCE OF SOMEONE, PREFERABLE FEMALE, IN PROCURING A CANADIAN PASSPORT, I.E. ATTEMPTING TO FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD ACT AS MY GUARANTOR IN MAKING APPLICATION FOR A PASSPORT. SUBSEQUENTLY I DID DRIVE TO THE GRAY ROCKS INN, IN THE LAURENTIAN MOUNTAINS, AND MET A WOMAN AND LATER SAW HER AGAIN IN THE CANADIAN CAPITOL OF OTTAWA. HOWEVER, I LEARNED SHE WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AND THUS CONSIDERED IT ILL ADVISED TO DISCUSS THE GUARANTOR QUESTION WITH HER. THEREFORE IN RETURNING TO MONTREAL FROM THE LAURENTIANS MOUNTAINS I HAD DECIDED TO ACCEPT ANY REASONABLE PROPOSITION ROUAL MIGHT OFFER IN RETURN FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

AFTER I RETURNED TO MONTREAL I DID MEET WITH ROUAL SEVERAL MORE TIMES. HIS PROPOSALS, AND MY ACCEPTANCE, WERE IN ESSENCE:

- 1) THAT I WOULD MEET HIM IN WINDSOR, CANADA, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00PM AUGUST 21, 1967, NEAR THE RAILROAD STATION IN MY AUTOMOBILE.
- 2) THAT HE WOULD THEN PROVIDE ME WITH CERTAIN PACKAGES TO TRANSPORT ACROSS THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES.
- 3) THAT I WOULD FOR TRANSPORTING THE PACKAGES INTO THE UNITED STATES BE PROVIDED WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND AN UNSPECIFIED AMOUNT OF MONEY.
- 4) THAT THEREAFTER I WOULD SELL THE PLYMOUTH AUTOMOBILE AND TRAVEL TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, WHEREIN I WOULD AGAIN MEET ROUAL FOR SOME SIMILAR TYPE SMUGGLING OPERATION APPARENTLY IN MEXICO— ROUAL HAD INITIALLY SUGGESTED THAT I GO TO MOBILE, ALABAMA.

I ACCEPTED THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROPOSALS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS MY INTENTION ONCE I LAYED HANDS ON THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO RETURN TO CANADA.

ON AUGUST 21, 1967, AT APPROXIMATELY 3:00PM I WAS PARKED NEAR THE WINDSOR, CANADA, RAILROAD STATION AND AFTER WAITING A HALF HOUR OR LESS ROUAL CAME TO THE PLYMOUTH WITH AN ATTACHE CASE, ENTERED THE AUTOMOBILE, AND SAID "LETS GO". STARTING THE AUTOMOBILE HE DIRECTED ME TOWARD A SIDE STREET WHEREIN HE MOVED INTO THE BACK SEAT AFTER STOPPING AND PLACED THREE PACKAGES UNDER THE BACK REST, THEN RETURNING TO THE FRONT SEAT HE DIRECTED ME TOWARD THE TUNNEL THAT CONNECTS WINDSOR WITH DETROIT, MICHIGAN. BEFORE WE ARRIVED AT THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE HE ASK ME TO LET HIM OUT SAYING HE WOULD CROSS SEPERATELY

AND FOR ME TO PICK HIM UP ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE. HE SAID HE WOULD CROSS IN A CAB AND TO GIVE HIM A FEW MINUTES BEFORE I CROSSED. I CLEARED THE CUSTOMS WITH NO DIFFICULTY AND PICKED UP ROUAL ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE OF THE TUNNEL. HE THEN DIRECTED ME TO ANOTHER SIDE STREET WHERE HE REMOVED THE PACKAGES. I THEN DROVE HIM TO THE DETROIT BUS STATION. LETTING HIM OUT HE TOLD ME TO RETURN TO WINDSOR AND WAIT AT THE SAME PLACE AS BEFORE. I THEN RETURNED TO THE WINDSOR RAILROAD STATION AND AFTER 10 OR 15 MINUTES ROUAL APPEARED AGAIN AND WE REPEATED THE PROCEDURE EXCEPT THIS TIME WE TRAVELED OVER THE BRIDGE CONNECTING THE TWO COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, WHILE WAITING IN LINE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE I NOTICED CUSTOM'S OFFICERS WERE SEARCHING SEVERAL OF THE AUTOMOBILES AHEAD OF ME. RECALLING I HAD A TELEVISION SET IN THE PLYMOUTH, WHICH I WAS REQUIRED TO DECLARE AT CUSTOMS, AND WISHING TO AVOID A SEARCH OF THE PLYMOUTH, I DECLARED THE TELEVISION SET. THE CUSTOM'S OFFICER THEN DIRECTED ME INTO A SPECIAL LANE AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF SEARCHING THE PLYMOUTH WHEN ANOTHER CUSTOM'S OFFICER APPEARED AND, APPARENTLY ORDERING THE FIRST CUSTOM'S OFFICER TO OTHER DUTIES, TOLD ME TO PAY A TELEVISION TAX IN CUSTOM'S OFFICE AND LEAVE. WHEN I LATER MET ROUAL ON THE UNITED STATES SIDE OF THE BRIDGE HE APPEARED SOMEWHAT NERVOUS, AND I INFORMED HIM I HAD BEEN HELD UP BY CUSTOMS AND SHOWED HIM THE TELEVISION TAX-RECEIPT PROVIDED BY CUSTOMS. WE THEN DROVE TO A SIDE STREET IN DETROIT AND MOVING INTO THE BACK OF THE PLYMOUTH HE REMOVED THE THREE PACKAGES FROM BEHIND THE BACK SEAT BACK REST. MOVING BACK INTO THE FRONT SEAT OF THE PLYMOUTH ROUAL GAVE ME APPROXIMATELY \$1,500.00 IN MIXED CURRENCY HOWEVER, OFFERING SOME EXCUSE, HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ALTHOUGH HE DID ASSURE ME HE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME BY THE PAPERS AT A LATER DATE. HE ALSO SUGGESTED I DISPOSE OF THE OLD PLYMOUTH THEN WE WOULD PURCHASE A LATER

MODEL AUTOMOBILE WHEN WE MET IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. HE THEN TOLD ME HE WOULD WRITE ME IN C/O GENERAL DELIVERY BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, UNDER THE GALT NAME; ALSO, HE GAVE ME A NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER IF I NEEDED TO CONTACT HIM. THEREAFTER I LEFT HIM AT THE BUS STATION AND DROVE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WHEREIN I GAVE MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, THE PLYMOUTH AND CAUGHT A TRAIN TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. I ARRIVED IN BIRMINGHAM ON AUGUST 25, 1967. THE NEXT DAY I RENTED A ROOM AT 2608 HIGHLAND AVENUE UNDER THE NAME OF, ERIC S. GALT. THE FOLLOWING MONDAY AUGUST 28, 1967, I CHECKED AT THE GENERAL DELIVERY WINDOW IN THE MAIN POST OFFICE ENQUIRING ABOUT MAIL ADDRESSED TO ERIC GALT. THE POSTAL CLERK ASK ME FOR MY MIDDLE INITIAL AND WHEN I SUPPLIED THE LETTER S HE GAVE ME A LETTER FROM ROUAL. IN THE LETTER ROUAL ASK ME TO MEET HIM AT THE STARLITE CAFE, LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE POST OFFICE, THAT EVENING. LATER I MET HIM IN THE STARLITE AND HE ASK ME TO TRY TO LOCATED FOR SALE A LATE MODEL AUTOMOBILE. THE NEXT DAY I FOUND THROUGH A NEWSPAPER ADD A 1966 MUSTANG. THAT EVENING I AGAIN MET ROUAL IN THE STARLITE AND DESCRIBED THE MUSTANG TO HIM. HE SAID IT SOUNDED ALRIGHT AND THE NEXT MORNING HE GAVE ME \$2,000.00 WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO BUY THE MUSTANG. LATER IN THE MORNING I TOOK A TAXI TO 701 SOUTH 48th STREET AND PURCHASED THE MUSTANG FROM IT'S OWNER, MR. WILLIAM D. PAISLEY. AFTER PURCHASING THE AUTOMOBILE I DROVE TO THE STARLITE CAFE, PICKED UP ROUAL, AND FROM THE STARLITE ON TO THE RESIDENCE, I WAS STAYING AT ON HIGHLAND AVENUE, PARKING ON A MALL IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE. BEFORE DEPARTING ROUAL ASK FOR, AND I GAVE HIM, A SET OF KEYS TO THE MUSTANG; HE ALSO WROTE DOWN MY ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER; HE THEN GAVE ME \$500.00 FOR LIVING EXPENSES, AND ANOTHER \$500.00 FOR A LIST OF CAMERA EQUIPMENT. LASTLY, HE GAVE ME ANOTHER TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, AS A "BACK UP" NUMBER, AND SUGGESTED I LAY LOW FOR A MONTH OR SO THEN HE WOULD CONTACT ME ABOUT THE BUSINESS AT HAND

AND THE MATTER OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR ME.

DURING MY STAY IN BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, I RENTED A BANK VAULT; ACCUMULATED IDENTIFICATION UNDER THE GALT NAME, AND MADE THE CAMERA PURCHASES ROUAL REQUESTED. I HAD ALSO CONTACTED A LINGERING VIRUS, APPARENTLY IN CANADA, AND WAS TREATED FOR THE AILMENT BY A DR. SCHWARTZ IN, BIRMINGHAM. SUBSEQUENTLY I WAS CONTACTED BY ROUAL'S APPARENT REPRESENTATIVE ASKING ME TO MEET ROUAL IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, IN EARLY OCTOBER, 1967. ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 6, 1967, I DEPARTED BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, IN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, INTENDING TO MEET ROUAL IN, NEW ORLEANS. THE NEXT DAY, OR THE DAY AFTER, UPON ARRIVING IN BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA, I PHONED THE BATON ROUGE NUMBER ROUAL HAD GIVEN ME; UNABLE TO REACH THE PARTY I THEN PHONED THE NEW ORLEANS NUMBER AND DID REACH THIS PARTY. I WAS TOLD TO PROCEED ON TO NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, AND WAS GIVEN THE NAME & ADDRESS OF A MOTEL TO CHECK INTO AFTER ARRIVING IN NUEVO LAREDO. BEFORE LEAVING BATON ROUGE I MAILED BACK TO THE BIRMINGHAM BANK THE SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULT KEY ASSUMING I WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. UPON LEAVING BATON ROUGE FOR MEXICO I BRIEFLY TRAVELED IN THE DIRECTION OF DALLAS, TEXAS, INTENDING TO SEE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS CONVERSANT WITH UNDERWORLD ACTIVITIES ALONG THE BORDER SEPERATING THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO, HOWEVER, I SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED AGAINST THE DALLAS TRIP AND THEREFORE TURNED TOWARD SOUTH TEXAS & MEXICO. I ARRIVED IN NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 7, 1967, IN THE EVENING. UPON ENQUIRY FROM A POLICEMAN OR CAB DRIVER I LOCATED THE MOTEL I WAS EARLIER INSTRUCTED TO CHECK INTO. AFTER I HAD SIGNED INTO THE MOTEL AND WAITED A COUPLE HOURS ROUAL APPEARED ASKING HOW I WAS GETTING ALONG AND IF READY FOR BUSINESS. HE ASK IF I HAD A VISA AND I REPLIED 'NO. HE THEN SAID WE WOULD CROSS THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED

STATES AND TRANSPORT IN THE MUSTANG CERTAIN ITEMS INTO MEXICO. LEAVING THE MOTEL WE DROVE DOWN TO THE LOCAL SQUARE WHERE I LET HIM OUT. HE SAID TO GIVE HIM A FEW MINUTES TO CATCH A TAXI THEN TO MEET HIM ON THE OTHER-SIDE OF THE BORDER. PICKING HIM UP ON THE OTHER SIDE HE DIRECTED ME NORTH FOR MAYBE 7 OR 8 BLOCKS, THEN WEST FOR A COUPLE MILES ENDING UP ON A SIDE STREET BEHIND ~~ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE AND BESIDE A~~ FRAME HOUSE. HE THEN REMOVED A TIRE FROM THE OTHER AUTOMOBILE, PLACED IT IN THE TRUNK OF OUR MUSTANG, AND DIRECTED ME BACK TOWARD MEXICO. ON THE WAY TO THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS HE TOLD ME TO APPLY FOR A VISA AND WHEN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS COMMENCED SEARCHING THE MUSTANG GIVE THEM EACH A DOLLAR AND THEY WOULD THEN ONLY MAKE A PERFUNCTORY SEARCH. WHEN WE NEARED THE MEXICAN CUSTOMS HOUSE ROUAL GOT OUT OF THE MUSTANG SAYING TO PICK HIM UP EITHER BESIDE OR IN FRONT OF THE CUSTOMS HOUSE AFTER I GOT THE VISA. I THEN APPLIED FOR THE VISA. THE PERSON WHO ISSUED THE VISA ASK FOR A VOTER REGISTRATION SLIP FOR IDENTIFICATION, BUT ACCEPTED A DRIVERS LICENSE & PINK SLIP (TITLE) IN LIEU. WHEN THE CUSTOMS OFFICER COMMENCED SEARCHING THE MUSTANG & PLACING A CUSTOMS MARK ON THE ITEMS ENCLOSED I GAVE THEM EACH A DOLLAR AND THEY WAIVED ME THROUGH. AFTER LEAVING CUSTOMS I PICKED UP ROUAL BESIDE THE BUILDING AND WE RETURNED TO THE MOTEL BY A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE. I PULLED INTO THE MOTEL DRIVEWAY AND THE TIRE WAS REMOVED AND PLACED IN THE AUTOMOBILE IT WAS ORIGINALLY REMOVED FROM EARLIER ON. ROUAL TOLD ME HE WOULD SEE ME AGAIN IN THE MORNING, AND AS I BACKED OUT OF THE DRIVEWAY I BRIEFLY SAW THE PROFILE OF THE PERSON DRIVING THE OTHER AUTOMOBILE. THE NEXT MORNING ROUAL SHOWED UP, ASK IF I WERE READY, AND UPON AN AFFIRMATIVE REPLY, I CHECKED OUT OF THE MOTEL. UPON LEAVING HE RODE WITH ME FOR ABOUT 6 BLOCKS, THEN HE GOT INTO ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE AFTER TELLING ME TO FOLLOW THE OTHER CAR. ONCED

OUTSIDE THE CITY WE STOPPED AND AGAIN THE TIRE WAS PLACED IN MY AUTOMOBILE WITH ROUAL TELLING ME TO FOLLOW HIM UNTIL WE HAD CLEARED THE INTERIOR CUSTOM'S HOUSE. ABOUT FIFTY KILOMETERS FURTHER ON WE ENTERED THE CUSTOM'S CHECK. ROUAL'S CAR WAS HELD UP; HOWEVER, AFTER CHECKING MY BACK TAG I WAS WAIVED ON THROUGH BY THE INSPECTOR. LATER A COUPLE KILOMETERS DOWN THE ROAD ROUAL PASSED ME AND STOPPED IN FRONT OF THE MUSTANG. ROUAL GOT INTO THE MUSTANG AND OFFERED SOME TYPE OF APOLOGY ABOUT STILL ~~NOT BEING ABLE TO COME BY TRAVEL DOCUMENTS~~ FOR ME; HOWEVER, HE GAVE ME \$2,000.00. HE THEN ASK ME IF AND WHERE HE COULD MEET ME IN THE FUTURE. I TOLD HIM I MOST LIKELY WOULD TRAVEL TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; HE SAID THEN HE WOULD CONTACT ME THERE THROUGH POST BY GENERAL DELIVERY. HE ALSO GAVE ME ANOTHER NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND ASK IF I HAD THE OLD NEW ORLEANS NUMBER— I THINK I GAVE THE OLD NUMBER TO HIM.

TRAVELING THROUGH MEXICO I ULTIMATELY ENDED UP IN PUERTO VALLERTA. DURING MY STAY IN PUERTO VALLERTA I ATTEMPTED TO TRADE THE MUSTANG FOR A PIECE OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY, THUS STAY IN MEXICO; I ALSO SAW AN ADVERTISEMENT IN THE U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT NEWS MAGAZINE ASKING FOR PERSONS INTERESTED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR IMMIGRATION TO RHODESIA— I WROTE TO THE ADDRESS LIST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE MATTER BUT NEVER RECEIVED A REPLY WHILE IN MEXICO.

I DEPARTED PUERTO VALLERTA, MEXICO, ON OR ABOUT NOVEMBER 15, 1967, TRAVELING NORTH TOWARD THE UNITED STATES. ON THE WAY I GAVE A HITCH HIKER A RIDE TO THE BORDER. AFTER ARRIVING NEAR THE BORDER SEPERATING MEXICO FROM THE UNITED STATES I STAYED OVER NIGHT IN A HOTEL AT TLJUANA. THE NEXT DAY IN PREPARING TO LEAVE THE HOTEL FOR THE UNITED STATES, AS WAS MY PRACTICE, I SEARCHED THE MUSTANG. DOWN

BETWEEN THE FRONT SEAT & THE GEAR BOX I FOUND A CIGARETTE CASE WITH A PACK OF CIGARETT'S IN THE CASE. INSIDE BETWEEN THE CASE & THE PACK WAS A BUSINESS CARD. THE NAME AND MOST OF THE ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION HAD BEEN INKED OUT. WHAT I COULD SEE THAT WAS STILL PARTLY VISIBLE WAS THE NAME "NEW ORLEANS" & THE LETTERS "LEAA". ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE CARD WAS THE HAND-WRITTEN NAME OF, RANDOLPH ERWIN ROSEN. RETAINING THE CARD I CROSSED THE BORDER INTO THE UNITED STATES. (IN THE SEPTEMBER 1977 ISSUE OF PLAYBOY MAGAZINE, PLAYBOY REPORTED THAT IN 1967 LEAA WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE; HOWEVER, UPON ENQUIRY BY A PARTY REPRESENTING ME, LEAA OFFICES IN WASHINGTON D.C. STATED THAT PRIOR TO 1968 A FORE-RUNNER TO LEAA TITLED, ? , WAS IN EXISTENCE AND OPERATED IN , NEW ORLEANS. FURTHER, UPON REQUEST THE LATE MR. CLYDE WATTS, AN ATTORNEY WITH OFFICES IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, INVESTIGATED, IN 1974, AND REPORTED THEREAFTER, THAT RANDOLPH ERWIN ROSEN, WAS IN FACT, RANDOLPH ERWIN ROSENSON).

ON NOVEMBER 19, 1967, I ARRIVED IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND RENTED AN APARTMENT LOCATED AT 1535 NORTH SERRANO AVENUE. THEN LATER, ON JANUARY 19, 1967, I MOVED TO 5533 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD RESIDING THERE UNTIL ABOUT MARCH 17, 1968.

DURING MY STAY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, I MADE THE FOLLOWING ATTEMPTS TO FIND EMPLOYMENT:

- 1) PLACED AN ADD IN THE "HELP WANTED" SECTION OF THE LOS ANGELES TIMES NEWSPAPER.
- 2) CONTACTED THE "BIG BEAR" RESORT IN THE INTERIOR OF CALIFORNIA.
- 3) TOOK A BAR TENDERING COURSE.

4) APPLIED AT TWO HOTEL FOR EMPLOYMENT.

5) FILLED OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE.

I MADE THE FOLLOWING ENQUIRES & ACTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LEAVE THE UNITED STATES:

1) AFTER READING IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER THAT UNITED STATES CITIZENS COULD TRAVEL TO COLUMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA, WITHOUT A PASSPORT, I CHECKED INTO THIS MATTER.

2) CONTACTED SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS ABOUT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO RHODESIAN IMMIGRATION.

3) PHONED THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD SEVERAL TIMES ENQUIRING ABOUT THE PROCEDURE TO FOLLOW IN ORDER TO GAIN MERCHANT SEAMAN'S PAPERS— IN THIS RESPECT, I HAD MINOR PLASTIC SURGERY ON MY NOSE IN MARCH 1968 PERFORMED BY , DR. RUSSELL HADLEY, IN ORDER THAT I MIGHT CHANGE MY APPEARANCE ENOUGH TO AVOID IDENTIFICATION IF I NEEDED A PICTURE FOR THE MERCHANT SEAMAN PAPERS.)

IN EARLY DECEMBER 1967 I CHECKED AT THE GENERAL DELIVERY SECTION, MAIN POST OFFICE, TO SEE IF ROUAL HAD POSTED ANY MESSAGES; FINDING THAT HE HAD NOT SENT A COMMUNICATION—I PHONED NEW ORLEANS UNDER THE NUMBER HE HAD GIVEN ME IN MEXICO. THE PERSON THAT ANSWERED ENQUIRED IF I COULD TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS IN LATE DECEMBER. I REPLIED IN THE POSITIVE AND THEREAFTER MADE ARRANGMENTS WITH A, CHARLEY STEIN, WHOM I HAD MET IN A LOCAL BAR, TO HELP WITH THE DRIVING TO NEW ORLEANS. WHEN MR. STEIN—WHO WAS HABITUALLY SHORT OF MONEY—AND I WERE READY TO LEAVE FOR NEW ORLEANS, ABOUT DECEMBER 15, 1967, HE ASK TO USE MY TELEPHONE IN ORDER TO NOTIFY

HIS FAMILY IN NEW ORLEANS OF HIS PENDING VISIT. DURING THE TRIP I PHONED MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, ONE TIME. OTHER THAN MR. STEIN BUSYING HIMSELF LOOKING FOR FLYING SAUCERS, NOTHING ELSE OF INTEREST TRANSPIRED ON THE TRIP UNTIL WE REACHED NEW ORLEANS. UPON REACHING THE CITY I DIALED THE PHONE NUMBER ROUAL HAD PROVIDED ME WITH IN MEXICO; ARRANGED A MEETING WITH HIM IN THE LE BUNNY LOUNGE ON CANAL STREET, AND DURING THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN THE LOUNGE ROUAL TOLD ME THAT IN EARLY MAY HE WANTED TO TRANSPORT SOME RIFLES INTO MEXICO AND FOR ME TO HELP HIM. HE SAID THERE WOULD BE ABOUT \$12,000 IN IT FOR ME IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL PROMISE OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS. I AGREED TO HIS PROPOSITION BUT TOLD HIM I WAS LOW ON FUNDS. SUBSEQUENTLY HE GAVE ME \$500.00 IN TWENTY DOLLAR NOTES.

RETURNING TO LOS ANGELES I MOVED TO THE AFOREMENTIONED HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD ADDRESS, RESIDING THERE WHEN IN FEBRUARY 1968 I RECEIVED A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM ROUAL ASKING ME TO MEET HIM IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON A CERTAIN DAY IN MARCH, FOR A TRIP TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AND TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE COMMUNICATION. I ACKNOWLEDGED BY TELEPHONE THAT I WOULD BE IN NEW ORLEANS ON THE DATE REQUESTED. OF OTHER POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE COMMITTEE, DURING MY STAY IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA, I WAS ROBBED OF A WATCH & THE KEYS TO THE MUSTANG OUTSIDE OF A BAR ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD, CONSEQUENTLY I HAD TO HIRE A LOCKSMITH TO MAKE ME ANOTHER SET OF KEYS. I DID COPE BY SOME ADDRESSES THROUGH UNDERGROUND PUBLICATIONS ADVERTISING UNATTACHED FEMALES; LATER I DID USE ONE OF THESE ADDRESSES (SEE BELOW). I NEVER ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ANY OF THE PERSONS LISTED UNDER THE ADVERTISEMENTS EXCEPT ONE, WHO LISTED HERSELF AS A "NYMPHO SOMETHING"—OF COURSE I HAD BEEN IN JAIL SIX YEARS.

ON OR ABOUT MARCH 17, 1968, I DEPARTED LOS ANGELES FOR NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. APPARENTLY I WAS LATE IN ARRIVING IN NEW ORLEANS: IN CALLING THE PARTY UNDER THE AFOREMENTIONED NUMBER I WAS TOLD TO DRIVE ON TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND MEET ROUAL IN THE STARLITE CAFE. ARRIVING IN BIRMINGHAM AND ENTERING THE STARLITE, AGAIN SOMEWHAT LATE, I MET ROUAL AND WE PROCEEDED ON TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA. ARRIVING IN ATLANTA WE COMMENCED SEARCHING FOR AN APARTMENT FINALLY LOCATING A ROOM FOR RENT AT 113 14th STREET, NORTHEAST; HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE INTOXICATED CONDITION OF THE PROPRIETOR I HAD A PROBLEM RENTING THE ROOM AND, BECAUSE OF THE DELAY, ROUAL BRIEFLY ENTERED THE "OFFICE". AFTER THE RENTAL WE WENT TO A RESTAURANT ON PEACHTREE STREET FOR A MEAL, AND WHILE IN THE RESTAURANT MADE ARRANGMENTS FOR ROUAL TO MEET ME AT THE RECENTLY RENTED ROOM THE NEXT DAY. THE NEXT DAY, ROUAL CAME TO THE ROOM I HAD RENTED (NEXT DOOR TO THE PROPRIETOR'S OFFICE), AND THE CONVERSATION WAS A REMUN OF THE PREVIOUS EVENING'S CONVERSATION IN THE PEACHTREE STREET RESTAURANT. IN ESSENCE, I WAS TO PURCHASE RIFLES IN ATLANTA TO BE LATER SHOWN TO PROSPECTIVE BUYERS. BUT BECAUSE OF AN IDENTIFICATION PROBLEM, ALL OF MY IDENTIFICATION WAS LISTED UNDER THE STATE OF ALABAMA; I SUGGESTED WE PURCHASE THE RIFLES IN ALABAMA, WHICH ROUAL AGREED TO DO. UPON LEAVING ROUAL SUGGESTED I STAY CLOSE TO THE ROOM SINCE HE WOULD RETURN IN A COUPLE DAYS AND THEN WANTED ME TO DRIVE HIM TO MIAMI, FLORIDA—HOWEVER HE NEVER DID APPEAR FOR THE MIAMI TRIP.

AFTER ABOUT A WEEK ROUAL DID APPEAR AND WE DROVE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, TO IMPLEMENT WHAT WE HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO. I CHECKED INTO THE TRAVEL-LODGE IN BIRMINGHAM; WE THEN CHECKED THROUGH THE YELLOW PAGES OF THE PHONE BOOK, AND PERHAPS NEWSPAPERS, FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT SOLD RIFLES,

DECIDING ON THE AEROMARINE SUPPLY COMPANY. SUBSEQUENTLY I DID PURCHASE A RIFLE WITH MILITARY SPECIFICATIONS AT AEROMARINE. AFTER THE PURCHASE ROUAL GAVE ME THE NAME OF A MOTEL (NEW REBEL), IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, TELLING ME TO TRANSPORT THE RIFLE TO THE MOTEL AND MEET HIM THERE AT A CERTAIN DATE (APRIL 3, 1968), AND TIME, SAYING HE, IN THE INTERVAL, HAD TO MAKE A BUSINESS TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

THE NEXT DAY, COMMENCING ON MARCH 29, 1968, THE DAY I PICKED UP THE RIFLE, I TRAVELED IN THE DIRECTION OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. SUBSEQUENTLY I RENTED ROOMS IN: FLORENCE, ALABAMA; GORINTH, MISSISSIPPI; DESOTO, MISSISSIPPI, AND OTHER MOTEL ADDRESSES THAT I CANNOT RECALL ALTHOUGH I ASSUME THE F.B.I. HAS THE ADDRESSES. I DID NOT AT ANY TIME DEVIATE FROM THE AFOREMENTIONED ROUTE AND SPECIFICALLY, I DID NOT RETURN TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, AFTER DEPARTING BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, ON MARCH 29, 1968, UNTIL APRIL 5, 1968.

I ARRIVED IN THE SUBURBS OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, ON APRIL 2, 1968, AND CHECKED INTO THE NEW REBEL MOTEL IN MEMPHIS PROPER ON APRIL 3, 1968. IT COMMENCED RAINING THAT EVENING AND AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00PM ROUAL APPEARED AT THE ROOM I WAS OCCUPYING.

ROUAL TOLD ME IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO TAKE A ROOM FOR A FEW DAYS IN MEMPHIS. HE ALSO INFORMED ME HE HAD A PLACE LOCATED NEAR THE WATERFRONT AND THAT HE OR I, OR BOTH, WOULD RENT A ROOM AT THE LOCATION IN MY NAME. I TOLD ROUAL THAT I DID NOT CARE TO HAVE MY NAME USED IF THERE WERE GOING TO BE ANY GUNS IN THE PLACE, OR IF WE WERE INVOLVED IN SOMETHING WE COULD POSSIBLY BE ARRESTED FOR. I THEN SUGGESTED A NAME, JOHN WILLARD, THAT I HAD USED INDIRECTLY CHECKED BEFORE, THUS A NAME I COULD EASILY REMEMBER, THAT WE COULD USE TO GET A ROOM UNDER. ROUAL AGREED TO USE THE WILLARD NAME. HE THEN COMMENTED THAT IF EVERYTHING PROGRESSED ALRIGHT THEN HE & I WOULD RETURN TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND PURCHASE 10 OR MORE OF THE SCOPED RIFLES, IN ADDITION TO A LARGE SUPPLY OF THE FOREIGN BRAND RIFLES THAT I HAD LOOKED OVER IN THE GUN STORE IN BIRMINGHAM. HE IMPLIED THAT AFTER WE HAD PURCHASED THE FIREARMS THEY WOULD BE SHIPPED TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, BY BOAT. BEFORE DEPARTING ROUAL TOLD ME TO MEET HIM AT THE 422½ SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS AT 3 or 4 PM THE NEXT DAY. HE WROTE DOWN THE ADDRESS ON A SLIP OF PAPER AND I WROTE DOWN FOR HIM THE WILLARD NAME TO USE IF HE SHOULD RENT A ROOM FOR ME OR HIMSELF. HE MENTIONED THAT IF HE WERE NOT IN A ROOM AT THE SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS WHEN I ARRIVED HE WOULD BE IN A BAR & GRILL LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. HE THEN TOOK THE RIFLE AND DEPARTED AND THAT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW THE WEAPON. THE NEXT DAY I DID NOT CHECK OUT OF THE MOTEL UNTIL LATE MORNING. AFTER HAVING BREAKFAST AT A NEARBY RESTAURANT I DROVE TO THE SOUTH PART OF MEMPHIS (I MAY HAVE BEEN IN MISSISSIPPI) AND WAITED A PERIOD OF TIME IN A BEER HOUSE AND GENERALLY JUST STALLED UNTIL TIME FOR THE RENDEZVOUS WITH ROUAL AT 422½ SOUTH MAIN STREET. FINALLY I DROVE TO A COMMERCIAL PARKING LOT; AFTER CHECKING THE MUSTANG INTO THE LOT, AND RECEIVING DIRECTIONS FROM THE PARKING LOT ATTENDANT TO THE LOCATION OF MAIN STREET, I THEN COMMENCED WALKING IN

A GENERAL DIRECTION TOWARD WHAT APPEARED TO BE THE MAIN SECTION OF MEMPHIS. FURTHER ON, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A POLICEMAN, I LOCATED MAIN STREET AND TRAVELING SOUTH ON MAIN I MADE AT LEAST ONE INQUIRY IN BARS CONCERNING THE 422½ SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS; ONE OF THE PLACES OF INQUIRY MAY HAVE BEEN A "JIM'S BAR". AFTER I HAD LOCATED THE APPARENT ADDRESS OF THE SOUTH MAIN STREET BUILDING I HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR, AND WHICH HAD A "JIM'S GRILL" ON THE GROUND FLOOR; I ENTERED THE BAR/GRILL LOOKING FOR ROUAL, HE WAS NOT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT; HOWEVER, I DID NOTICE TWO WHITE MALES THAT I HAD PREVIOUSLY SEEN IN ONE OF THE BARS I HAD JUST RECENTLY BEEN IN MAKING INQUIRES CONCERNING THE ADDRESS I WAS SEARCHING FOR. ONE OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS APPEARED TO BE NOTICING ME MORE THAN WAS NECESSARY. (I AM CERTAIN THAT I DID NOT MEET ROUAL IN JIM'S GRILL THE FIRST TIME I ENTERED THE ESTABLISHMENT BECAUSE OF THE CROWDED CONDITIONS, UNLIKE THE SECOND, AND THE TWO INDIVIDUALS IN THE BAR WHO WERE NOT PRESENT WHEN I DID MEET ROUAL). I ORDERED A BEER AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER DEPARTED THE TAVERN GOING UPSTAIRS TO INQUIRE ABOUT RENTING A ROOM. UPON INQUIRY THE PROPRIETRESS INFORMED ME SHE HAD TWO ROOMS TO LET AND SHOWED ME BOTH OF THEM. SINCE THE SECOND WAS ONLY A SLEEPING ROOM I RENTED IT PAYING WITH A \$20.00 BILL, AFTER SIGNING THE REGISTRY UNDER THE NAME OF JOHN WILLARD. THE ONLY OTHER PERSON I SAW, OR EVER SAW EXCEPT ROUAL, IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, WAS AN ELDERLY WHITE MALE WHO WAS IN THE PROPRIETRESS "OFFICE" WHEN I FIRST INQUIRED ABOUT THE ROOM. IMMEDIATELY UPON RETAINING THE ROOM I LEFT THE BUILDING TO RETURN TO THE PARKING LOT TO PICK UP THE MUSTANG; IT WAS NOW APPROXIMATELY 4:00PM BECAUSE OF MY DELAY IN LOCATING THE SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS. RETURNING TO THE PARKING LOT, WHICH I ESTIMATE WAS ONE MILE FROM THE 422½ SOUTH MAIN STREET ADDRESS, I PICKED UP THE MUSTANG AND SUBSEQUENTLY PARKED THE AUTOMOBILE ALMOST DIRECTLY IN LINE WITH THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF JIM'S GRILL, AND IMMEDIATELY BEHIND ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE. I DID NOT MOVE THE MUSTANG AGAIN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 5:40PM THE SAME DAY. (I LATER NOTICED UPON

LEAVING THE ROOMING HOUSE ON ONE OF SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER AUTOMOBILES PARKED NEARBY THE SAME COLOR AS THE MUSTANG, A WHITISH COLOR).

UPON ENTERING JIM'S GRILL FOR THE SECOND TIME, I FOUND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL CALLING HIMSELF ROUAL WAS PRESENT. THIS TIME THE BAR WAS NOT SO CROWDED AND ROUAL WAS SITTING IN THE LUNCH-COUNTER SECTION DRINKING COFFEE. AFTER THE AMENITIES I TOLD HIM I HAD SOME DIFFICULTY LOCATING THE ROOMING HOUSE UPSTAIRS. WE DEPARTED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WHEN HE SUGGESTED WE GO UPSTAIRS TO THE ROOM I HAD RENTED. ON THE WAY OUT OF THE GRILL HE ASK ME IF I HAD THE MUSTANG WITH ME; I POINTED TO IT SAYING "THERE IT IS". ONCE UPSTAIRS IN THE ROOM I HAD RENTED ROUAL SUGGESTED I BRING WHAT PERSONAL ITEMS I HAD IN THE MUSTANG UP TO THE ROOM SAYING "WE MAY HAVE TO STAY HERE 3 or 4 DAYS", HE ALSO ASKED ME TO PURCHASE A PAIR OF BINOCULARS WITH INFRA-RED ATTACHMENTS SAYING THE "PEOPLE" ALSO WANTED TO EXAMINE SOME GLASSES. ROUAL GAVE ME DIRECTIONS TO A NEARBY SPORTING GOODS STORE WHEREIN I COULD PURCHASE THE GLASSES. LEAVING THE ROOMING HOUSE I WAS UNABLE TO LOCATE THE SPORTING GOODS STORE THE FIRST TRIP. RETURNING ROUAL AGAIN EXPLAINED TO ME THE LOCATION OF THE SPORTING GOODS STORE. (UPON RETURNING TO THE ROOM AFTER THE FIRST TRIP LOOKING FOR THE SPORTING GOOD STORE, I REMOVED A SMALL TRAVELING CASE FROM THE MUSTANG CONTAINING PERSONAL ITEMS AND DEPOSITED THE CASE IN THE ROOM ; HOWEVER, BECAUSE I WAS SOMEWHAT CONVERSANT WITH THE TYPE ESTABLISHMENT I WAS IN, WHAT WITH NO LOCKS ON THE DOORS, OR EVEN DOOR NOBS, JUST A STRAP TO PULL THE DOOR TO, AND THE PLACE AN APPARENT HABITAT FOR WHO'S WHEREIN ANYONE COULD ENTER ANYONE ELSE'S RENTAL AT WILL, I DID NOT CARRY ANY OTHER PERSONAL ITEMS TO THE ROOM OTHER THAN THE AFOREMENTIONED CASE & IT'S CONTENTS EXCEPT A COVER WHICH I USED TO COVER THE COVERING ALREADY ON THE BED. I PLACED THE CASE UNDER THE BED).

ON THE SECOND TRIP SEEKING THE SPORTINGS GOODS STORE I LOCATED IT. UPON INQUIRY THE SALESMAN INFORMED ME THAT THE STORE DID NOT CARRY INFRA-RED ATTACHMENTS FOR BINOCULARS AND THAT I WOULD HAVE TO PURCHASE THEM AT AN ARMY SURPLUS STORE; HOWEVER THE SALESMAN DID SELL ME BINOCULARS. ON THE WAY BACK TO THE ROOMING HOUSE I STOPPED AT A DRUGSTORE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CHISCA HOTEL AND ORDERED ICE CREAM. WHILE WAITING ON THE ORDER I SAT, AS CUSTOMARY, DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE CASH REGISTER AND DISTINCTLY RECALL THE APPARENT MANAGER, WHO WAS A WHITE MALE, INSTRUCTING A YOUNG BLACK WOMAN ON THE INTRICACIES OF USING A CASH REGISTER, THUS I ASSUM SHE HAD JUST STARTED WORKING IN THE STORE THAT DAY. (THE ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING ME IN THE KING CASE IN 1968-69 WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE DRUGSTORE IN QUESTION; HOWEVER, IN FEBRUARY 1969 I DESCRIBED TO A POLICEMAN, WHO WAS GUARDING ME IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL CELL, THE APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF THE STORE AND HE INFORMED ME THE NAME OF THE STORE).

AFTER RETURNING TO THE MAIN STREET ROOMING HOUSE I TOLD ROUAL WE WOULD HAVE TO PURCHASE THE INFRA-RED ATTACHMENTS AT AN ARMY SURPLUS STORE; I ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT I HAD NOT EATEN SINCE BREAKFAST. HE SAID TO GO OUT AND HAVE A MEAL & TAKE IN A MOVIE SINCE HE WANTED TO SEE SOME PEOPLE IN PRIVATE THAT EVENING BUT, TO LEAVE THE MUSTANG OUT IN FRONT AS HE WOULD MOST LIKELY NEED IT THAT EVENING OR NIGHT. I THEN WENT DOWN STAIRS INTO JIM'S GRILL AND ORDERED A BEER ALTHOUGH I DID NOT DRINK IT.. I SAY THIS BECAUSE I RECALL SEEING A WHITE WAITRESS ON ONE OCASSION WHILE I WAS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, AND ON THE NEXT OCASSION THERE WAS A BLACK WAITRESS ON DUTY. LEAVING THE GRILL I SAT IN THE MUSTANG 10 or 15 MINUTES BEFORE TRAVELING NORTH ON MAIN STREET AND ENTERING A BAR & RESTAURANT LOCATED ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE STREET AND FAIRLY NEAR TO A MOVIE HOUSE ACROSS THE STREET. I ORDERED A

SANDWICH AND WHILE SITTING THERE RECALLED THAT I HAD CHANGED THE BACK REAR TIRE ON THE RIGHT SIDE, WHEN FACING THE FRONT OF THE MUSTANG, THE DAY BEFORE, AFTER THE TIRE HAD DEVELOPED A SLOW LEAK. THINKING THE DAMAGED TIRE SHOULD BE FIXED, ESPECIALLY IF THE MUSTANG SHOULD BE USED THAT NIGHT, I RETURNED TO THE MUSTANG AND DROVE IT NORTH ON MAIN STREET FOR MAYBE 3 or 4 BLOCKS BEFORE TURNING RIGHT AND TRAVELING 4 OR 5 MORE BLOCKS TO A SERVICE STATION. THERE WERE 2 OR 3 SERVICE STATIONS AT THE INTERSECTION; I ENQUIRED OF ONE IF THEY COULD FIX A SPARE TIRE WHILE I WAITED AND WAS INFORMED THAT I WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AWHILE BECAUSE OF THE BUSINESS VOLUME. MOVING TO THE OTHER STATION I DO NOT RECALL ASKING FOR THE TIRE TO BE REPAIRED ALTHOUGH I DID HAVE THE MUSTANG SERVICED. UPON LEAVING THE SERVICE STATION I CIRCLED AROUND IN A MANNER THAT WOULD RETURN ME TO THE ORIGINAL PARKING SPACE IN FRONT OF JIM'S GRILL; HOWEVER, WHEN DRIVING ONTO MAIN STREET I SAW A POLICE CAR PARKED BLOCKING OFF THE STREET THAT I WOULD HAVE TO DRIVE THROUGH IN ORDER TO RETURN TO MY ORIGINAL PARKING SPACE. IN ADDITION I SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE 2 OR 3 PEOPLE RUNNING OR WALKING RATHER FAST OPPOSITE THE POLICE CAR. I THEN VEERED OFF TO THE LEFT TOWARD SOUTH MEMPHIS TRAVELING THROUGH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A PREDOMINANTLY BLACK COMMUNITY. I EVENTUALLY ENDED UP IN MISSISSIPPI TRAVELING TOWARD NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA. IT WAS MY INTENTION TO PHONE A NEW ORLEANS NUMBER IN MY POSSESSION AND HAVE THE PARTY ON THE OTHER END ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT WHAT IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED IN THE AREA OF THE AFOREMENTIONED SOUTH MAIN STREET ROOMING HOUSE; HOWEVER, SHORTLY AFTER ENTERING THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI I HEARD OVER THE CAR RADIO THAT DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HAD BEEN SHOT IN MEMPHIS. A SHORT WHILE LATER (APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES), ANOTHER NEWS BULLETIN ON THE RADIO STATED POLICE AUTHORITIES WERE LOOKING FOR A WHITE MUSTANG & A WHITE MALE SUBJECT AS A SUSPECT IN THE SHOOTING OF DR. KING; CONSEQUENTLY THE FIRST INTERSECTION I CAME TO I TURNED EAST TRAVELING TOWARD ATLANTA, GEORGIA,

VIA WAY OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA. SHORTLY AFTER TURNING EAST I STOPPED THE MUSTANG AND THREW VARIOUS ITEMS OF OF THE TRUNK INCLUDING ALL OF THE CAMERA EQUIPMENT THAT ROUAL HAD HAD ME TO PURCHASE FOR HIM—THE EQUIPMENT WAS STILL IN THE ORIGINAL WRAPPING CASES WHEN I DISCARDED IT. IT WAS RAINING SLIGHTLY AT THE TIME AND I TOOK A CLOTH AND ATTEMPTED TO WIPE OFF ANY FINGERPRINTS I MAY HAVE LEFT ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE MUSTANG. (SEVERAL YEARS LATER MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, TOLD ME THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE GUILTY PLEA THE MEMPHIS ATTORNEY GENERAL GAVE HIM THE DAMAGED TIRE & THE FLOOR MATS FROM THE MUSTANG).

THEREAFTER I DROVE THROUGH BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, AND LATER INTO THE STATE OF GEORGIA. APPROXIMATELY THIRTY (30) MILES FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, I RAN LOW ON FUEL AND STOPPED AT A SERVICE STATION FOR GASOLINE. I ARRIVED IN ATLANTA AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30AM. I ABANDONED THE MUSTANG IN A PRIVATE PARKING LOT NEAR CAPITOL HOMES. I THEN RETURNED TO THE ROOM I HAD PREVIOUSLY RENTED LOCATED AT 113 14th STREET, NORTHEAST. I PLACED EVERYTHING IN A CASE THAT IT WOULD HOLD AND DISCARDED THE REMAINING ITEMS LEFT IN THE ROOM. I THEN WALKED TO THE PIEDMONT LAUNDRY WHEREIN I HAD LEFT SEVERAL ITEMS OF CLOTHING TO BE CLEANED IN LATE MARCH OF 1968. I THEN PHONED A BUS STATION FOR RESERVATIONS TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN. BEING INFORMED THAT A BUS WAS LEAVING ATLANTA FOR DETROIT, MICHIGAN, THAT AFTERNOON I RETURNED TO THE ROOMING HOUSE FOR THE CASE. I THEN DEPARTED THE BUILDING AND CAUGHT A TAXI CAB TO THE BUS STATION WHEREIN I PURCHASED A TICKET TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN. THE BUS WAS NOT DUE TO LEAVE ATLANTA FOR SEVERAL HOURS SO I CHECKED-IN THE CASE AND TRAVELED SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM THE BUS STATION AND WAITED IN A BAR UNTIL UNTIL DEPARTURE TIME FOR THE BUS; HOWEVER, UPON RETURNING TO THE BUS STATION I LEARNED THE BUS WOULD BE LATE IN IT'S DEPARTURE SCHEDULE. AFTER THE BUS

DID DEPART FROM ATLANTA IT PROCEEDED ON TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, WITH A LAYOVER IN THAT CITY FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. DURING THE LAYOVER I WAITED IN A NEARBY BAR UNTIL IT CLOSED AT 2:30AM, THEN I WAITED IN THE BUS TERMINAL ANOTHER 20 OR 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE BUS DEPARTED FOR DETROIT, MICHIGAN. ARRIVING IN DETROIT AT APPROXIMATELY 7:30AM. I THEN MADE RESERVATIONS FOR A TRAIN BOUND FOR TORONTO, CANADA. BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE CANADIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER I TOOK A TAXI CAB TO A TRAIN STATION APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES FROM DOWNTOWN DETROIT. ADJACENT TO THE TRAIN STATION WAS AN OPEN SQUARE BLOCK (PARK). DIRECTLY ACROSS, DIAGONALLY, FROM THE TRAIN STATION, AND ACROSS THE OPEN LOT, WAS A BARBER SHOP WHEREIN I HAD A SHAVE & HAIRCUT.

I ARRIVED IN TORONTO, CANADA, AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 PM APRIL 6, 1968. AFTER CHECKING MY CASE INTO THE LUGGAGE DEPARTMENT I MADE MY WAY WEST ON FOOT. AFTER WALKING APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES, AND MAKING ENQUIRES ALONG THE WAY FOR RENTAL QUARTERS, I EVENTUALLY FOUND A ROOM FOR RENT AT 102 OSSINGTON AVENUE. THE PROPRIETRESS'S NAME WAS, MRS. ADAM SZPAKOWSKI; I PAID MRS. SZPAKOWSKI \$10.00 FOR ONE WEEK'S RENT. MRS. SZPAKOWSKI, WHO SPOKE WITH A HEAVY ACCENT, DID NOT ASK ME MY NAME NOR DID I VOLUNTEER THE INFORMATION. THEREAFTER ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY APRIL 8, 1968, I MADE MY WAY TO THE OFFICES OF THE TORONTO EVENING TELEGRAM AND ASK TO SEE BACK ISSUES OF THE PAPER FOR THE YEAR 1932. THE LIBRARIAN GAVE ME THE REQUESTED ISSUES ON MICROFILM AND ASSISTED ME WITH THE PROJECTOR. AFTER A TIME I CHOOSED SEVERAL NAMES FROM THE FILMS; TWO OF THE NAMES WERE, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD & PAUL E. BRIDGMAN. MY PURPOSE IN OBTAINING THESE NAMES WAS TO APPLY FOR A PASSPORT UNDER ONE OF THE NAMES IF CONDITIONS WERE FAVORABLE. LEAVING THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE I MADE MY WAY BACK TO THE ROOM ON OSSINGTON AVENUE; HOWEVER, BEFORE I GOT TO OSSINGTON I WAS STOPPED AND TICKETED BY A POLICEMAN FOR JAY-WALKING. I HAD REMEMBERED A WOMAN'S ADDRESS IN TORONTO, 6 CONDOR STREET, FROM SOME ADDRESSES I HAD GOTTEN OUT OF AN UNDERGROUND PUBLICATION APPARENTLY SPECIALIZING IN "BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER"; I GAVE THE POLICEMAN THE CONDOR STREET ADDRESS AS MY OWN. I AM FAIRLY CERTAIN I ALSO GAVE MY NAME AS, ERIC GALT, TO THE POLICEMAN. THE NEXT DAY I PHONED THE LOCAL POLICE STATION ENQUIRING ABOUT THE TICKET, HOWEVER, THE STATION DID NOT HAVE THE TICKET ON FILE. AFTER I ARRIVED BACK AT THE OSSINGTON AVENUE ADDRESS I WROTE THE NAME OF PAUL BRIDGMAN ON A SLIP OF PAPER AND GAVE IT TO MRS. SZPAKOWSKI INFORMING HER "THIS IS MY NAME". THE NEXT DAY I PROCEEDED TO CONTACT BY TELEPHONE SEVERAL OF THE NAMES I HAD GOTTEN FROM THE TORONTO EVENING TELEGRAM.

TELLING THEM I WAS WITH THE REGISTRA GENERAL'S OFFICE INVESTIGATING A PASSPORT MATTER; ENQUIRING OF THEM IF THEY HAD EVER BEEN ISSUED A CANADIAN PASSPORT. EVENTUALLY I CONTACTED, MR. RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, A TORONTO POLICEMAN, AND UPON ENQUIRY MR. SNEYD INFORMED ME THAT HE HAD NEVER APPLIED FOR A CANADIAN PASSPORT. THEREFORE SHORTLY THEREAFTER I MADE MY WAY TO THE ARCADE PHOTO STUDIO AND HAD SEVERAL PASSPORT PHOTOS TAKEN; I USED THE PAUL BRIDGMAN NAME IN APPLYING FOR THE PASSPORT PHOTOS. DURING THIS PERIOD I HAD RENTED ANOTHER ROOM LOCATED AT 962 DUNDAS STREET WEST FROM A, MRS. SUN LOO. I REGISTERED UNDER THE NAME OF, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND TOLD MRS. LOO I WORKED NIGHT THUS WOULD BE IN DAYS—I SPENT THE NIGHTS AT THE OSSINGTON AVENUE ADDRESS.

I THEN VISITED THE KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY IN TORONTO ENQUIRING ABOUT THE PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A CANADIAN PASSPORT. I TOLD THE OFFICE MANAGER, MRS. LILLIAN SPENCER, THAT I DID NOT HAVE A GUARANTOR HAVING JUST RETURNED TO TORONTO. MRS. SPENCER INFORMED ME THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE A GUARANTOR, RATHER I COULD MAKE A SWORN STATEMENT THAT I WAS A CITIZEN OF CANADA; HAVE THE STATEMENT NOTORIZED; THEN HER OFFICE WOULD APPLY FOR THE PASSPORT. I DID APPLY FOR A PASSPORT THROUGH MRS. SPENCER'S OFFICE UNDER THE NAME OF, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, AND USING THE DUNDAS STREET WEST ADDRESS.

(IF I HAD BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH TO GAIN THE AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION DURING MY FIRST TRIP TO CANADA IN JULY 1967 I AM SURE I WOULD NOT BE TESTIFYING BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE TODAY).

DURING THIS PERIOD I ALSO MADE A BRIEF TRIP TO MONTREAL, CANADA, TO ENQUIRE ABOUT SHIP RESERVATIONS TO EUROPE.

IN EARLY MAY, 1968, MY PASSPORT IN THE NAME OF, RAMON GEORGE SNEYD, WAS PRESENTED TO ME BY THE KENNEDY TRAVEL AGENCY. ON MAY 6, 1968, I DEPARTED CANADA BOUND FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, AND ARRIVED IN LONDON ON MAY 7, 1968. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER I BOARDED A PLANE FOR LISBON, PORTUGAL. WHILE IN LISBON, AND BECAUSE MY FINANCES WERE SUCH THAT I COULD NOT AFFORD FARE TO A MORE DISTANT COUNTRY, SAY AUSTRALIA, I MADE SEVERAL EFFORTS TO GAIN TRANSPORTATION TO AFRICA. DURING ONE PERIOD IN A MEETING WITH A BLACK & WHITE MALE I ATTEMPTED TO JOIN A MILITARY UNIT IN BIAFRA BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. FINALLY I DID FIND A SHIP WITH AN AVAILABLE BERTH BOUND FOR ANGOLA; HOWEVER, A VISA WAS REQUIRED TO ENTER ANGOLA AND SINCE THE SHIP WAS LEAVING FOR ANGOLA IN THREE DAYS, AND IT REQUIRED SEVEN DAYS FOR A VISA TO BE PROCESSED, I MISSED THE OPPORTUNITY.

RETURNING TO LONDON, ENGLAND, AFTER APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS IN PORTUGAL, I ATTEMPTED ON JUNE 8, 1968, TO LEAVE ENGLAND VIA AIRPLANE DESTINED FOR BRUSSELS, BELGIUM; HOWEVER, I WAS DETAINED AT LONDON'S HEATHROW AIRPORT BY THE POLICE AND SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY ENGLISH AUTHORITIES AND HELD FOR EXTRADITION TO THE UNITED STATES.

THEREAFTER I WROTE MESSRS, F. LEE BAILEY & ARTHUR J. HANES SR., OF THE MASSACHUSETTS & ALABAMA BAR RESPECTFULLY ABOUT REPRESENTATION IN THE MATTER I WAS BEING DETAINED UNDER, NAMELY THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HOMICIDE. MR. BAILEY INFORMED ME INDIRECTLY THAT THERE WOULD BE A CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST INVOLVED IF HE SHOULD TAKE THE CASE, THUS DECLINED; MR. HANES ACCEPTED THE CASE, APPARENTLY AFTER CONTACTING THE ALABAMA NOVELIST, WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE AND, PRESENTING ME WITH A LITERARY CONTRACT TO SIGN. THEREAFTER I WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ORDERED BY AN ENGLISH COURT TO BE

EXTRADITED TO THE UNITED STATES AND IN FACT WAS EXTRADITED AND
LODGED IN THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, JAIL ON JULY 19, 1968.

AFTER I WAS LODGED IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL THE AFOREMENTIONED ATTORNEY,
MR. ARTHUR J. HANES, sr., HAD ME ENTER INTO A SERIES OF LITERARY
CONTRACTS WITH HIM AND, WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE, THE ALABAMA NOVELIST,
IN ORDER, MR. HANES SAID, TO FINANCE A JURY TRIAL IN THE KING CASE.
SUBSEQUENTLY, IN NOVEMBER, 1968, MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, VISITED
ME IN SAID JAIL AND SAID THAT HE HAD RECENTLY VISITED, WILLIAM BRATFORD
HUIE, AND THAT MR. HUIE HAD OFFERED ME, INDIRECTLY, THROUGH JERRY,
\$12,000, IF I WOULD NOT TAKE THE WITNESS STAND IN THE KING CASE SAYING
"MY TESTIMONY FROM THE WITNESS STAND WOULD DESTROY THE LITERARY VALUE
OF THE BOOK HE (HUIE), WAS WRITING ABOUT THE CASE". CONSEQUENTLY WHEN
PERCY FOREMAN, A MEMBER OF THE TEXAS BAR, APPEARED UNSOLICITED AT THE
MEMPHIS JAIL A FEW DAYS LATER AND VISITED ME, I AGREED WITH MR. FOREMAN'S
SUGGESTION THAT I FIRE MR. HANES AND HIRE, FOREMAN. PERCY FOREMAN HAD
THE ABOVE MENTIONED CONTRACTS IN HAND AND SAID THE ONLY THING ARTHUR
HANES WAS INTERESTED IN WAS THE MONEY BEING PROVIDED HIM BY BRATFORD
HUIE, AND THEN PROMISED ME, AND LATER THE TRIAL JUDGE, THAT IF I
RETAINED HIM IN THE CASE HE WOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED WITH WILLIAM
BRATFORD HUIE IN COMMERCIAL PUBLISHING VENTURES. THEREAFTER THIS
"PROMISE" OF PERCY FOREMAN'S WAS OF A SHORT DURATION IN THAT WITHIN
A FEW DAYS OF BECOMING COUNSEL-OF-RECORD IN THE CASE HE MADE ARRANGMENTS
WITH BRATFORD HUIE TO HAVE, ARTHUR HANES sr., INTEREST IN SAID CONTRACTS
TRANSFERED TO HIMSELF. THEN LATER, IN JANUARY 1969, MR. FOREMAN
PRESENTED ME WITH A CHECK FROM, WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE, FOR \$5,000
FOR MY ENDORSEMENT SAYING HE "NEEDED THE FIVE THOUSAND TO RETAIN
CO/COUNSEL". HOWEVER, IN DECEMBER 1968 ATTORNEY FOREMAN HAD PERSUADED

THE TRIAL JUDGE, W. PRESTON BATTLE, THAT NO FUNDS WERE FORTH-
COMING FROM, BRATFORD HUIE, OR ELSE WHERE, AND THUS HAD THE JUDGE
APPOINT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, HUGH STANTON sr., AS CO/COUNSEL--MR.
STANTON HAD PREVIOUSLY REPRESENTED THE STATE'S CHIEF WITNESS, CHARLEY
STEPHENS, IN THE CASE. THE SAME CHARLEY STEPHENS WHO, FOR A PROMISE
OF \$100.000 FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, HAD COMMITTED ² PERJURY
THROUGH A SWORN AFFIDAVIT BY FALSELY IDENTIFYING ME THROUGH A PICTURE
IN ORDER FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO HAVE ME EXTRADITED FROM LONDON, ENGLAND.

THE. IN FEBRUARY, 1969, PEECY FOREMAN RECEIVED ANOTHER \$5.000 CHECK
FROM WILLIAM BRATFORD HUIE. THIS TIME HE DID NOT BOTHER TO HAVE ME
ENDORSE IT, RATHER HE JUST FORGED MY NAME TO IT AND CASHED IT IN
COMPLICITY WITH, PLANTERS BANK OF MEMPHIS.

AFTER COLLECTING ALL THE MONEY THAT WAS AVAILABLE FROM, WILLIAM BRATFORD
HUIE, ATTORNEY FOREMAN THEN COMMENCED, ON FEBRUARY 13, 1969, MANEUVERING
ME INTO A GUILTY PLEA. FOREMAN'S ARGUMENTS FOR THE PLEA WERE IN
ESSENCE:

- 1) THAT THE PRESS HAD ALREADY CONVICTED ME BY INFLAMING
THE MINDS OF POTENTIAL JURORS.
- 2) THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD BRIBED AN ALLEGED WITNESS,
CHARLEY STEPHENS, INTO PERJURING HIMSELF AGAINST ME
BY OFFERING STEPHENS A \$100.000 REWARD TO SAY HE
SAW SOMEONE FAVORING ME LEAVING THE ROOMING HOUSE,
WHERE DR. KING WAS ALLEGEDLY SHOT FROM, IMMEDIATELY
AFTER THE SHOT WAS FIRED. (WIFE COMMITTED--EXH--C).
- 3) THAT IT WOULD IN SOME MANNER BE IN MY FINANCIAL
INTEREST TO PLEAD GUILTY AS CHARGED.

- 4) THAT THE TRIAL JUDGE WANTED A GUILTY PLEA BECAUSE HE WAS CONCERNED THE BLACKS MIGHT BURN THE TOWN DOWN— IN RESPECT'S TO PERCY FOREMAN & THE JUDGE'S EX-PARTE MEETING ARRANGING THE PLEA, APPARENTLY THE TWO HAD EIGHT MEETING.

THEN LATER, IN MARCH 1969, FOREMAN SAID THAT IF THE CASE WAS NOT SETTLED THROUGH A GUILTY PLEA THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROBABLY ARREST MY BROTHER, JERRY W. RAY, UNDER SOME TYPE CONSPIRACY CHARGE IN THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., HOMICIDE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE F.B.I. WOULD MOST LIKELY ARREST MY FATHER, GEORGE RAY, WHO WAS THEN NEAR SEVENTY YEARS OF AGE, AND HAVE HIM RETURNED TO THE IOWA STATE PRISON WHEREIN HE HAD ESCAPED IN THE 1920's.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AFOREMENTIONED THREATS & PROMISES, PERCY FOREMAN CONVINCED ME HE WOULD "THROW" THE CASE IF I MANAGED TO FORCE HIM TO TRIAL (IN FACT IN AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN LOCK MAGAZINE IN MAY 1969, SOLD TO THE PUBLICATION BY PERCY FOREMAN FOR \$1,000, HE IN EFFECT ADMITTED HE WOULD HAVE "THROWN" THE CASE IF I WOULD HAVE FORCED HIM TO TRIAL. CONSEQUENTLY, THROUGH WRITTEN CONTRACTS, I AGREED ON MARCH 9, 1969, TO ENTER THE GUILTY PLEA. MY CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS WITH PERCY FOREMAN IN RESPECT'S TO THE TERMS OF THE GUILTY PLEA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1st. CONTRACT,

" IF THE PLEA IS ENTERED AND THE SENTENCE ACCEPTED AND NO EMBARRASSING CIRCUMSTANCES TAKE PLACE IN THE COURTROOM; I AM WILLING TO ASSIGN TO ANY BANK...ALL OF MY RECEIPTS UNDER THE ABOVE ASSIGNMENT IN EXCESS OF \$165,000".

2nd. CONTRACT,

"...I AM WILLING TO ADVANCE JERRY (RAY) \$500 AND ADD IT TO THE \$165,000 MENTIONED IN MY OTHER LETTER TO YOU TODAY. IN OTHER WORDS, I WOULD RECEIVE THE FIRST \$165,000. BUT I WOULD NOT MAKE ANY OTHER ADVANCES—JUST THIS \$500. AND THIS ADVANCE ALSO IS CONTINGENT UPON THE PLEA OF GUILTY AND SENTENCE GOING THROUGH ON MARCH 10, 1969, WITHOUT ANY UNSEMLY CONDUCT ON YOUR PART IN COURT". (EXT--D).

DURING THE PERIOD OF MY CONFINEMENT IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL, WHICH TOTALED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT (8) MONTHS, THE CONDITIONS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE RETAINED, OR WAS ORDERED TO RETAIN, TWO FEDERAL PRISON OFFICIALS WHO IN A FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS ORDERED SHEETS OF MEDAL BE PLACED OVER ALL OF THE WINDOWS THUS SHUTTING OUT FRESH AIR AND LIGHT. THE FEDERALS THEN HAD A BLOWER INSTALLED FOR OXYGEN, WHICH RESULTED IN MY HAVING FREQUENT NOSE BLEEDS. THE BLOWER COULD ONLY BE OPERATED OUTSIDE THE CELL-BLOCK. BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF NATURAL LIGHT THE FEDERALS HAD LIGHTS RIGGED IN THE CELL-BLOCK, INCLUDING THE CELL I WAS CONFINED IN, WHICH WERE KEPT ON TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS A DAY. COMPLAINING TO THE TRIAL COURT ABOUT BEING UNABLE TO SLEEP UNDER THESE CONDITIONS THE COURT SAID " SLEEP IN A MASK".

DURING THIS CONFINEMENT PERIOD I BROKE OUT IN A RASH. THINKING MAYBE I HAD BEEN POISONED I ASKED THE DOCTOR, WHO WAS RELATED TO THE PROSECUTOR, FOR A BLOOD TEST. IT REQUIRED 2 OR 3 DAYS TO HAVE THE TEST. AFTER THE BLOOD SAMPLE FINALLY WAS TAKEN I WAS NEVER TOLD THE TEST FINDINGS; HOWEVER, IN A 1974 HABEAS CORPUS HEARING THE DOCTOR TESTIFIED THE MEMPHIS SHERIFF, WILLIAM MORRIS, HAD ORDERED HIM TO DESTROY ALL OF MY MEDICAL RECORDS.

OF OTHER POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THIS COMMITTEE WHILE PERCY FOREMAN REPRESENTED ME: I ONCE PROVIDED ATTORNEY FOREMAN WITH A PHONE NUMBER, POSSIBLY CONNECTED TO THE KING HOMICIDE, TO INVESTIGATE, HOWEVER, FOREMAN

COMMENTED LATER THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE ANY PHONE NUMBERS INTRODUCED INTO THE CASE "HE" WOULD PRODUCE THEM THROUGH HIS INTERSTATE GAMBLING CONNECTIONS VIA A, MEYER LANSKY.

THE DAY AFTER THE GUILTY PLEA I WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE STATE PRISON IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. UPON ARRIVAL ALL OF MY PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE AFOREMENTIONED PHONE NUMBER I HAD WRITTEN DOWN BACKWARDS ON A SHEET OF PAPER, WAS CONFISCATED BY THE CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER, MR. HARRY AVERY. TWO OR THREE DAYS LATER SAID PROPERTY WAS RETURNED TO ME EXCEPTING VARIOUS ITEMS OF PERSONAL & LEGAL MAIL THAT HAD BEEN POSTED TO ME IN C/O THE NASHVILLE PRISON. (PHONE NO. -EXH--C). THE FIRST DAY IN THE PRISON I WAS CONFINED FORTHWITH IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND WAS ON, THAT SAME DAY, INFORMED BY CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER, HARRY AVERY, THAT I WOULD NEVER BE RELEASED FROM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT UNLESS I CEASED EFFORTS TO GAIN A PUBLIC TRIAL IN THE KING CASE: HE SAID HE WAS SPEAKING FOR THE "HIGHEST AUTHORITY" I HAD FILED A MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL THE DAY AFTER I ENTERED THE PRISON, AND SO INFORMED MR. AVERY OF MY INTENT IN THIS MATTER. THEREAFTER I WAS CONFINED FOR THIRTEEN (13) MONTHS IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AND DURING THE INITIAL PERIOD OF THIS CONFINEMENT HAD TO BE TREATED BY A DOCTOR SEVERAL TIMES FOR NASAL MEMBRANE HEMORRHAGING. THIS AILMENT (DAMAGED MEMBRANE) WAS DUE TO CONFINEMENT CONDITION IN THE MEMPHIS JAIL, I.E., LACK OF VENTILATION. IN ADDITION, DURING THIS PERIOD I WAS ALSO TREATED FOR ESOPHAGUS SPASMS, ALSO RELATED TO THE MEMPHIS JAIL CONFINEMENT CONDITIONS. AFTER THIRTEEN (13) MONTHS OF THIS TYPE CONFINEMENT I UNDERSTAND THE

LATE WILLIAM E. MILLER, RECENTLY A JUDGE ON THE UNITED STATES SIXTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, INTERCEDED WITH PRISON AUTHORITIES AND HAD THEM TRANSFER ME TO THE STATE PRISON AT PETROS, TENNESSEE — IF I HAD NOT BEEN TRANSFERED I DOUBT IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TODAY.

IN LATE JULY OF 1972 THE PETROS PRISON WAS CLOSED AND I WAS TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE NASHVILLE PRISON. AFTER BEING IN THE GENERAL PRISON POPULATION FOR FOUR (4) DAYS I WAS SUMMONED TO THE MAIN PRISON OFFICE AND INFORMED I WOULD BE RETURNED TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. REQUESTING TO SEE THE WARDEN, JAMES ROSE, I WAS INFORMED BY MR. ROSE THAT "PEOPLE OUT IN TOWN" WANTED ME PLACED IN SOLITARY BUT THAT IF I QUITE LITIGATING THE CASE HE WAS SURE I WOULD BE RELEASED FROM SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. THEREAFTER I STAYED IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR THREE (3) YEARS, THE FIRST EIGHTEEN MONTHS I WAS PERMITTED OUT OF THE CELL, WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY 6 x 12 FEET, FOR ONLY FOUR MINUTES PER DAY—THAT WAS TO TAKE A SHOWER. THE CELL BLOCK WAS INFESTED WITH INSECTS & RODENTS. DURING THE THREE (3) YEARS I WAS IN THE BUILDING FOUR PRISONERS (EXH*F) COMMITTED SUICIDE, TWO BY HANGING & TWO BY SETTING THEMSELVES ON FIRE... NATURALLY THE DOMINANT PRESS IN THE UNITED STATES SAID NOTHING ABOUT THESE SUICIDES, ALTHOUGH IF THEY HAD HAPPENED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY THE SAME PRESS WOULD HAVE BEEN IN A SELF-RIGHTEOUS RAGE, OR PRETENDED RAGE. DURING THIS PERIOD, SPECIFICALLY IN DECEMBER, 1973, TENNESSEE CORRECTIONS OFFICIALS ACTING IN COLLUSION WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, ATTEMPTED TO ILLEGALLY REANSFER ME TO THE FEDERAL MENTAL INSTITUTION IN SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI...THIS ATTEMPTED TRANSFER WAS AFTER THE AFOREMENTIONED OFFICIALS LEARNED OF A SUIT THAT WAS TO BE FILED IN MY BEHALF IN FEDERAL COURT REFERING TO THOSE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.

OF OTHER POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THIS COMMITTEE DURING THIS PERIOD:

JUST RECENTLY THE AFORE-MENTIONED CORRECTIONS COMMISSIONER, HARRY AVERY, HAS STATED HE GAVE ALL OF THE PAPERS, ECT., HE RETAINED OF MINE & THOES CONNECTED WITH THE KING CASE TO ATTORNEY, THOMAS WARDLOW STEELE, OF THE TENNESSEE (NASHVILLE) BAR, AND THAT THE PAPERS SUNSEQUENTLY ⁴DISAPPEARED FROM MR. STEELE'S OFFICE.

IN ADDITION, ATTORNEY PERCY FOREMAN HAS TESTIFIED THAT HE TOO GAVE HIS COMPLETE FILE IN THE KING CASE INCLUDING ALL INFORMATION I HAD GIVEN MR. FOREMAN, TO ANOTHER NASHVILLE ATTORNEY, THE LATER JOHN J. HOOKER, sr., AND THAT MR. HOOKER "LOST" THE

Respectfully: James E. Ray

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REFERENCES

1. Percy Foreman testified he met with trial Judge, W. Preston Battle 6 or 8 times arranging the guilty plea. See Foreman deposition, Ray v. Foreman, et al, Civil No. 60199, W.D. Tenn.
2. See, CBS-TV tape I supplied this committee wherein Charley Stephens, shortly after the shooting of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and after viewing by picture, told CBS that I was not the person he saw leaving the 422 1/2 South Main Street address.
3. prison records, Nashville.
4. I have a copy of the tape wherein Harry Avery made said statements.